

# Acalanes Blueprint

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## Acalanes Welcomes Parent 'Students'

### Seniors Ask 'Under-Dogs' to 'Get Out'

"Get out before we throw you out!" Have you, the class of '58, ever heard this before? You probably wonder why these seniors rate having the main hall.

A few years ago the students of Acalanes came to the thought that by the time we reach our senior year, we should be allowed some privilege such as a place to gather before school and at noon. Setting aside the main hall from the cafeteria to the offices for this purpose was felt to be a good solution.

What have colleges done about senior privileges? In high schools you might receive some privileges, but in college the seniors really rule the lower classmen. Freshmen are the lowest form of life, and hazing is quite frequent.

But here at Acalanes we don't have as much of a caste system as do colleges, in fact your main privilege as a senior is having Senior Hall.

Tradition has established that at Acalanes the seniors shall have the main hall and can use almost any means to remove those new freshmen and lower classmen who think it is cute or smart to crash the hall. Thank you — the seniors.

### Council Probes P.A. System Use

How would you like to have a P.A. System to announce all home A and B basketball games? It was suggested at the last council meeting, and we just might get it. It would announce the plays, scores and names of the players.

On the subject of basketball, Bob Roberts recommended that we have entertainment during half time of both A and B games, and Red Jones is going to investigate as to whether or not we can have a little kids basketball game, possibly between Montecito and Vallejo grammar schools.

Kyla Houston, co-chairman of the March of Dimes campaign, "Teens Against Polio," announced the dance on January 14, in our gym, with all proceeds going to the March of Dimes. The local merchants donated prizes to make the dance a success.

### Last Act of Christmas Program on Television

On December 31 the Acalanes Modern Dance Group traveled to station KQVR in Stockton. Under the direction of Millicent Hamburger the fourteen members of the dance group performed the last act of the Christmas program, The Nativity Scene.

John Bohn, our Student Body President, narrated the program while the Stage Crew went to see how the television studio operated.

Those who danced on Lynn Taylor's program were Bitsy Burns, Nancy Richard, Jeanne Galbreath, Sally Freedman, Lynn Cowling, Hope Davidson, Kathy Vale, Judy Olson, Cathy Greub, Elly Gardner, Roberta Miles, Sue Adair, Pat Whitehead, and Marilyn Day.

### Statesmen Journey to Diablo Convention

Those Acalanes students journeying over to the Junior Statesmen convention at Mt. Diablo last Saturday were Gordon Fowkes, Doug Parker, Walton Cheney, Kirk Barnette, Margaret Netherby, Russ Mjolsnes, Dave Van Daff, Mike Pon, and Charles Schorr.

"Should We Blockade Red China to Insure the Freedom of the Thirteen American Airmen?" was the topic of a panel discussion held at last Tuesday's meeting.



"ARE YOU SURE we're both talking about the same Herman?"

### Dons Prepare For Science Competition

With April 15 rapidly drawing near, Acalanes science enthusiasts are busy preparing for the second annual Bay Area Science Fair.

In last year's fair, Acalanes students won two top awards out of the nine given to senior participants. Winning in the individual tenth grade boys division was Robert Cooper, who prepared an exhibit on Long Range Television Reception. Two senior boys of last year copped the group exhibit trophy.

The science department reports that currently preparing for this year's fair are Pete Chiesa, Doug Krotz, and Sheldon Carroll. Other Acalanes students are also getting things together for the fair.

This year's fair will be held at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, running the week of April 15 to 21.

Even if you are not science minded you would enjoy traveling to the fair to view the nearly one thousand exhibits expected.

### Music Building to Be Up by March

Have you been wondering what that building next to the shops is going to be? Well, by the end of February or the beginning of March, we will have completed a music building. This building is already 75 per cent of the way finished.

It's going to be quite a change from the cafeteria, which was used before as the music building. The rooms that will be included are: a band room, with a storage room for the instruments, a choral room, also having a storage room for the uniforms, eight separate practice rooms, and a music library for sheet music. For less noise, each room will have sound proof walls.

From now on the cafeteria will be free from all classes. According to Mr. Walgren there won't be any new buildings for quite some time.

### Various Vocational Panels Will Be Held

On the following dates vocational panels will be held.

January 18th, 4th period, Agriculture; January 20, 2nd period, Writing and Journalism; January 25, 3rd period, Dancing; February 3, 4th period, Clothes Designing, and on February 8, 3rd period, Modeling.

### Parents Invited to Benefit Forum

Aware of the plight of underprivileged peoples of India, Acalanes students, together with money earned in last year's foreign policy forum sponsored by the Acalanes Education Association, have just completed sending \$400 worth of plows, tools and books to India through CARE.

The second of this year's forums "U.S. Foreign Policy — What Now?" will be held tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the Acalanes cafeteria. Discussion topic will be "Problems of Aid, Trade or Development." Two remaining forums are scheduled for February and March.

Proceeds from admission, \$1.00 for the remaining three forums, will be sent to aid indigent people of Asia and provide a future teacher award for an Acalanes and Las Lomas student.

Pictures depicting the use of last year's forum proceeds to aid underprivileged people of India are now on display in the library showcase window.

Parents in particular are encouraged to attend. The series is sponsored by the high school teachers association.

### Teens Against Polio Are Busy School Group

"Teens against polio," that's the slogan for the MARCH OF DIMES drive that started January 3rd and lasts until January 31. This drive is for the teenagers of six Contra Costa County high schools: Acalanes, Las Lomas, Pleasant Hills, San Ramon, Diablo and Alhambra.

The campaign is sponsored by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Chairman for the county high schools campaign is Beverly Benson of Acalanes. Kyla Houston is secretary for the Don campus.

The committee has worked out a brand new angle to promote this drive. Instead of collections, they are having activities in which students can participate. Such as the dance held Friday, the new twist was 99 cents per couple and 74 cents stag. There were drawings for prizes. These prizes were donated by the merchants of Lafayette and Orinda. The dance, inciting music of Jack Kennedy's band, according to Priss Myers.

No special goal is set for this campaign, but those who help support the drive are thanked by the Acalanes Don's committee Nancy Long, Mike Laurensen, Pat Stevens, Kyla Houston, Beverly Benson and all student body officers.

### Mothers, Dads Go Back to School

With the entire faculty, Parent Club officers and many students on hand to help you through your "Back to School Night" adventure, Acalanes High School bids you a warm official welcome to the Don campus.

Perhaps you're not aware of the history or tradition that has built up around this school in the past fourteen years. Here's a brief run-down on how it all came to be:

Did you know that the original name of our school was taken from an early Spanish land grant found near the center of Acalanes?

There were surveys made and polls taken in 1937 which resulted in the starting of a new high school for the rapidly growing communities of Canyon, Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda, and Walnut Creek.

In 1941, a Board of Trustees was elected with J. E. Laurence as president and M. H. Stanley as clerk. Then Stanley Warburton became the first principal and district superintendent.

Neal M. Parsons, in the summer of 1945, became principal and District Superintendent of Acalanes. A year later, lights were put on the football field and an electric score board of latest design was added.

In the fall of 1949 plans were under way to add classroom wings to give us a larger study hall and a new library. Year by year, Acalanes has grown in student and faculty, with last year's enrollment of 1075 students.

### Juniors To Present Superior Ostentation

If you like entertainment, remember not to cut on Wednesday, February 8, the date of the Junior Assembly.

According to the calculations of Gary Williamson, Junior class vice-president, who is in charge of the gay ostentation, it will be the most sensational assembly yet.

Karen Jacobson, class social secretary claims it will top all previous attempts.

Tryouts will be held tomorrow and all acts are still top secret, although it is known that they will be wrapped around the central theme of a G.I. on a three day pass.

By all means it promises not to be a "run of the mill" assembly.

## 'Night of Jan. 16' Stars Rupley, Camp

A murder has been chosen for the Senior Play this year! The play, "Night of January 16th" will be presented in the auditorium on March 17th and 18th.

The reason that this play is so different is that the jury of twelve will be chosen from any adults in the audience who wish to participate. They will be sworn in, hear the case, and decide the final verdict.

In the leading roles are John Bohn as District Attorney Flint, Pat Camp as Karen Andre, Bill Rupley as defense attorney, Marcia Miilu as Magda Svenson, and Ann Lee Smith as Nancy Lee Faulkner. Other important cast members are Jane Haworth, Jim Browning, Roger Dexter, Bev Wall, Mary Matlock, Richard Haskell, Donalee Fey, Don Ackerman, George Hampton, Charles Schorr, Lynn Teasdale, Jim Sweet, Eric McKinley, Joan Hogue, Sally Pedder, Red Jones, Howard Schirmer, and Jere Hegeman.

The "stage crew" will consist of Barbara Lawrence, Librarian; Pat Meyers, Assistant Director; Linda Jacobsen, Stage Manager; Carol-lyn Brackett, Publicity; Peggy Boevers, Property Manager; and of course, Mr. Trulsson, director and advisor.

Last year, the Senior Class of '54 presented "Our Miss Brooks," a colorful three-act comedy. Members of the cast were Gail Smith as Miss Brooks, Bob Probert, Pui Garrison, Jack Tomlinson, Gail Reinhart, and many others.

In 1953, "Our Town" was put on, starring Dave Grieve, Terry Probert, Steve Graves, and Betty Argo, and in 1952, "Best Foot Forward" was presented.

Something new will be tried this year in presenting the Senior Play on two consecutive nights. Tickets will be two colors.

It is hoped that this will avoid the extremely crowded auditorium that we had last year at the play and also the year before.

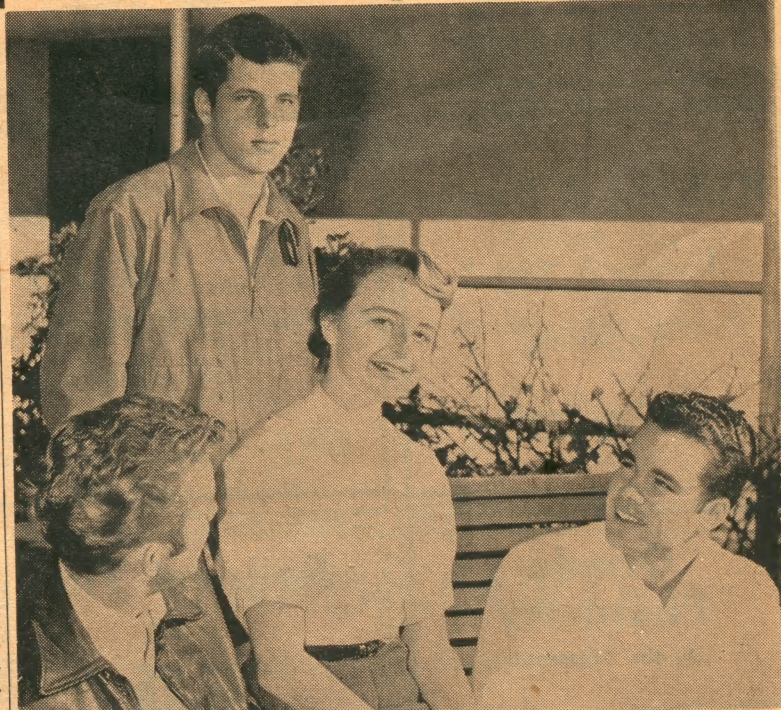
### Representatives of Colleges to Be Here Soon

With the selection of a college on the minds of many seniors the counseling department has arranged for college representatives to come to Acalanes.

Mr. A. P. Donoghue, who is Director of Admissions at the University of San Francisco, will come to our high school at one o'clock on January 27 to present his views on his college. On February 17 at 9:30 Dr. E. Howard Brooks, Assistant Director of Admissions, will come from Stanford. Some date in the future, student representatives from the University of California will come to Acalanes.

"All seniors," warns Mr. Ross, "are advised to complete their applications for college as soon as possible at the start of the second semester." Mr. Ross also states that students who are planning to attend state colleges should see their counselors as to the details of the raised requirements for these colleges.

## And Awa-ay They Go!



LEAVING ACALANES this midterm are, left to right, Deril Hill, Phil Condit, Carol Casarla and Gearil Hill. These four have completed high school requirements including the recent ruling that seniors must have two semesters of senior problems. Deril plans to enter the service; Carol hopes to study at business school; Gearil expects to go to work as does Phil Condit, whose last year graduation was delayed by a semester long illness.



## Didja Know . . .

--- that the D.A. was on Dec. 28. Some couples seen there were Gary Gorman and Freddie Powel, Gary Arel and Robin Carlson, Mike Ballachey and Liz Rogers, Kyla Houston and Jack Gray, Kathy Young and John Larson, John Bohn and Ilsa Dix, Shirley Jones and Jimmy Larson, Loretta Scalineti and Pat MacCauley, ane Seulerger and Joe Sheaff, Bonnie Nason and Chapman Rose, Jerry Moriarity adn Jim Dinkel, Bud Dodge and some unknown beauty and Dee Tolles-Lotus Blossom.

--- that the Dance Group gave Judy Olson a surprise birthday party.

--- that Geoff Wahl and Donna Lee Fey, Larry Collins and Sue Johansen, Dave Baldwin and Kathy Vale, Terry Ashe and Joan (Whale), Paul Kops and Mary Matlock, Woody Freeman and Betty Shipley, Dennis Busby and Beth Maas, Mike Ballachey and Liz Rogers all had a ball at Mike's.

--- that a recent popularity poll found the freshman girls' favorite was Jay Bridges, sophomore, Eric Tengsted; junior, Matt Hazeltine, and senior Bob Stillings.

--- that Denise Comerford had a formal dinner party on New Year's Eve. Having a great time were Betty Clark and Jack Kuenzel, Dick Clark and Nan Burke, Bill Dubner and Julie Dees, Bruce Baran and Ann Sonntag, and Denise's date Poul Ogden.

--- that seen swishing across the ski slopes during Christmas vacation were Alden Robertson, Don Danska, Karen Andree, John Larson, Lynn Teasdale, Phil Hunter, George Hampton, Pat Bacon, Sue Lamberth, Joanne Ross, Lynn Wiggins and Gail Sheehan.

--- that Miss Pembroke is giving an eleven ((11) page history final?

--- that Nancy Richard had a New Year's Eve party? Those who were there were Nancy and Al Sutton, Marjorie Fish and Dennis Meyer, Karen Rasmussen and Tom Hannan, Janice Parnham and Biff Baker, Kathy Robert and Don Morrow.

--- that Jan Lilja, Jeanne Russell and Diana Kercheval spent a white Christmas in Palm Springs?

--- that Gary Gudnason, Larry Collins and Paul Kops have gone into business selling their used chewing gum at half-price to certain cheap people?

--- that Judy Swanson had a party a week before Christmas vacation? Seen there were Susan Murrey and George Harrison, Susan Libbey and Mac Wadell, Mary Dean and Mike Dilio, Penny Marsh and Mike Trainer, Joey Tuddle and Glen Christensen, Carol Gardner and Glen Heinbockle, Nancy Veitch and Tom Mika, Bonny Nickerson and Bill Judge, Judy Gompertz and Mike Pond, Judy Crabtree and Val Geissler and Judy Swanson and David Brown.

--- that Ed Maloney was given a surprise party by his mother? A few couples seen waltzing around were Rich Markstein and Norma Waddell, Glenn Heinbockle and Carol Gardner, George Harrison and Susan Wasson, Gary Arel and Robin Carlson and Ed and his date, Lynn Henrietta.

--- that a surprise slumber party was given Karen Jeffries by some of her freshmen classmates? Seen there till all hours of the morning were Diane Fontaine, Carol Gardner, Penny Marsh, Mary Dean, Stephanie Jensen, Cathie Cutler, Laurie Skei, Sally Johnson, Nancy Veith, Judy Ackerman and Sally Adair.

--- that seen at the Senior Extra were Alden Robertson and Judy Sinclair, Ron Hartsough and Ann Clayton, Karen Rasmussen and Tom Hannan, Sue Lamberth and Warren Johnson, Nancy Richard and Doug Krotz, Dave Oakley and Judy Hill, Carol Ketsdever and Smed Ambler and Joanne Ross and Jim Greene.

(Editor's note: Personal accounts in this column regarding off campus activity are in no way sponsored or by affiliated with either official student organizations or the school.)

## HIM

### Biography of an "Introvert" - Mssr. Michael Ballachey - Alias Bellyache

This week the staff has chosen Mike "Bellyache" Ballachey to entertain you, the student body, with a very brief review of his life.

Mike was born in Lansing, Michigan. Having restless parents he moved to Washington, then Alameda, again to Washington, back to Alameda and finally made it to Lafayette where he has been since the fifth grade.



In case you wonder where Mike got his well known nickname, "Bellyache," Mr. Weiss, who could never quite pronounce "Ballachey," stumbled upon it one day and it has been Mike's "title" ever since. Another of his great nicknames is "The Hairy Greek" which he has been called for obvious reasons. He is hairy and of Greek ancestry.

In the sports field "Bellyache" goes for swimming, but can't participate in it this year because of ear trouble. He enjoys playing any sport and has demonstrated his capability by participating in basketball and volleyball at noon time.

The "Greek's" likes include fishing, Dixieland jazz, quiet blondes, good movies, good food, Mr. Stewart and "a few unmentionables." He has only one bad habit.

He dislikes the senior girls and obnoxiously loud women. Among Mike's exciting experiences is the time he illegally drove his 1929 Model A, four door sports sedan about the campus. His only comment was, "Wow! did Mr. Stewart get mad!"

After "Bellyache" graduates from high school, he plans on attending Cal, where he wants "To join a frat and have a ball." After two years of this sort of thing Mike plans on joining the Air Force and then completing college when he gets out.

Mike's last request was, "I want all the chicks to know I'm free

## HER

### Carbon Monoxide Holds No Threat for Diana Kercheval - Local Strongarm Girl

Few people have accomplished in four years what Diana Kercheval, our Student of the Week, has accomplished in two years.

Diana was born in Southern California and lived in San Gabriel until she was a sophomore in high school. Then she moved to Orinda, where she now lives.

Due to hours spent pushing Mike Ballachey's Model A, Diana has acquired an immunity to carbon monoxide. If the Russians should invade us and use carbon monoxide, at least one person will be left!

In her junior year Diana worked on the Junior Prom, she was in the Junior Assembly, and was quite a "cat," Spanish Honorary Society, and C.S.F. At the end of her junior year she was chosen for the Dance Group and ran for Girls' League President. This year she is in the Dance Group, Secretary of Spanish Honorary Society, Vice-President of C.S.F., and a member of the Ski Club and G.A.A. This is quite an accomplishment for only being at Acalanes for two years.

When Diana was asked what she liked, she replied, "Dance, our open halls, even in the rain!, and Northern California." "I wouldn't go back to Southern California for anything!" However, she dislikes big boys, but only those who act like little ones, and girls who gossip about each other. She is still a little bit afraid of the dark because her brother used to tell her that there were tigers under her bed.

After Diana graduates she plans to attend the University of Colorado and go into nurses training, although after discussing some of the duties of nurses, she didn't seem to care for a few of them! Oh well, we all can't enjoy the better things of life!



## Take A Good Look

Welcome to Acalanes. We hope you'll take advantage of "Back To School Night," and become acquainted with our school, our teachers and our education and activity program.

This school, everything in it and everything about it, is a monument to your desire as parents to give us the best educational opportunity our community can afford.

We know that once you have observed the school in action, as you will partially tonight, you'll realize as we do that Acalanes represents the best.

Take a good look.

P.S. Unofficially we hope tonight will sharpen your appreciation of the TOUGH row we hoe in trying to keep up with the high performance demands of our profs.

That's The Way It Goes . . .



By CAROLE HOLABIRD

### THE I CAN GRIPE LOUDER THAN YOU DEPT.

There has been so much complaining about the advertising in this paper that I can't believe it. So—in case you were wondering why we have so much—it's not that we enjoy selling ads, it's just that it costs approximately \$230 to put out a good issue of The Blueprint. Where do we get said sum? You're right—we get it primarily from our advertisers and subscription sales. Maybe you suggest that we raise rates. Well, since the building of Las Lomas in Walnut Creek there are fewer advertisers and when the new Orinda High School is completed, there will be even fewer. Consequently, we are lucky to get as much as we do.

If you would like a six page paper every two weeks without ads, just give us \$2,920 and we'd be glad to put one out. Adless, too. Now perhaps you're thinking about last year's six pager? Since then, printing rates have climbed upward . . . you know, the cost of living, etc. Anyway, we hope that you realize that the size of the paper and heavy number of ads is beyond our control, and our budget!

I think that the Teens Against Polio campaign could be given a great deal more support. It is a cause well worth our while to get behind. We could just have an ordinary collection of money in advisories, but instead we are offered the opportunity to raise it ourselves through various activities. Speaking of various activities . . . Mr. Stewart's proverbial "BLACK LIST" (which includes, alphabetically, of course, Ballachey, Freeman, Gudnason, Kops, Wahl and Wold) would like to challenge the faculty to a game of basketball and give the proceeds to the March of Dimes. But, the only catch is that Coach Stewart isn't so sure he could dig up a team to play these terrors of the hardwood. Well, we have found you an argument and are under no obligation to find you a solution. (FLASH! We were just informed that they want to play the Junior Girls—so, no solution is necessary.)

I was thinking of something that Dr. Norman Vincent Peale wrote that makes so much sense and especially right now at our age. He said, "Do not be awestruck by others and try to copy them. Nobody can be you as efficiently as you can be." I am inclined to agree. Aren't you? Anyway, that's the way it goes.

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## Our Dean of Boys Is Just As Concerned About Females As Males

FLASH!!! Attention all you girls who would like to remain on the best side of a certain male instructor at Acalanes. If so, let your hair grow and get rid of your gum — right away. The reason — this man's pet peeve seems to be short, short hair and girls that snap gum. This instructor — none other than Mr. Stewart, Dean of Boys.

Dropped down the chimney by old Mister Stork on August 31, 1921,

Mr. Stewart has resided in California ever since. Berkeley and Lafayette are the only two towns which are able to lay claim to him for he has lived in the East Bay all his short??? life (well, kinda short anyway). He



even went to school; the schools being University High and the University of California at Berkeley.

Somewhere along the great wide way, the boy scouts caught his interest and he was transformed into an obedient boy scout. In fact, one of the best times he ever had was when, as an eagle scout, he attended the first Scout Jamboree in 1936 at Washington, D.C.

From the time he attended Cal until now, football has remained his favorite sport, although he likes them all. At college, he played half-back when he was a frosh and also rugby (whatever that is). He is still interested in sports, which can readily be seen at any of the various student vs. faculty games. He's in all of 'em.

Caught by the army, he landed in Normandy and enjoyed Europe very much. So much so, he'd like to return on his own time (maybe someday anyway). An old married man, our Dean of Boys has three children, May, Dave, and Bob plus a wife.

1947 was THE YEAR of his arrival at Acalanes. Since then he has taught U.S. History and Senior Problems, coached the swimming and football teams for two years, was the director of Adult Education from '49 to '51, and since 1951 has been our illustrious Dean of Boys.

When questioned about what he likes best at Acalanes, he mentioned that his favorite was the Rally Committee but that not far down on his list (at this point he wiggled and squirmed but finally admitted) were none other than the kids that work in his office. That is, unless they happen to be those types that go for gum snapping or short, short hair. This he doesn't like. Take heed, girls.

## Many Cool Lads And Lassies Bop At Seniors Fling

Hot ziggety and away we go! Yes last Friday, January 7, the Senior class gave their version of the roaring twenties in the annual Senior Extra. The title of that nifty drag was "Flappers Fling," and it was under the direction of Mary Matlock.

The decorations were quite in keeping with the keen twenties. You may have seen a lot of odd creations in stockings, everyone had to dance without their shoes, the reason; the gym floor had just been waxed for basketball and the janitors would have been very disturbed if you had worn your shoes and scuffed the wax off. "Oh well!"

The bids were very unusual at that dance, instead of receiving them at the door as you usually do, they were given to you when you bought your ticket. They were little pennants with people doing the Charleston stenciled on them.

Those hard working seniors on the committee were: Mary Matlock, Jane Haworth, Donna Laney, Diana Kercheval, Barbara Stark, Carol-lyn Brackett, Sue Lamberth, Linda Jacobsen, Shirley Jones, Bitsy Burns, and Bob Roberts.

## Diablo's Hot Band And Singer Wow Us At Assembly

Rocking the gym with rhythm last Wednesday at the annual exchange assembly were the Varsity-tonians, Diablo's hot dance band. Some of the selections that they played were "The Hucklebuck," "Deep Purple," "Tuxedo Junction," and "Eager Beaver."

Also on the program was Diablo's answer to Peggy King who sang "I'm in the Mood for Love," and "Hey There."

Then there was the terrific sophomore who gave his interpretation of different characters on the dance floor.

M.C. of the show was Tom Ready, Diablo Student Body prexie, who says he "lacks talent" (?)

According to Bob Roberts, Turk Pape and his "Cell Block Six" will go over to Diablo sometime in February as the best act from our school.

## Dance Group and GAA Hostess to One Hundred Girls

On Saturday, January 15th, Acalanes G.A.A. played hostess to 17 other Contra Costa County schools for the second annual G.A.A. Leadership Day. The purpose of this affair is to instill new ideas for the promotion and playing of sports.

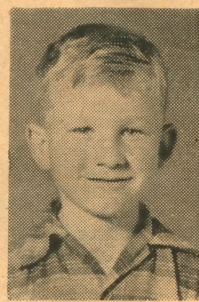
The following series of lectures were given: "How Should I Pre-serve at a Meeting?"; "Ways of Attracting New Members"; "How to be a Good Sports' Manager"; "How to Make Attractive Bulletin Boards"; "Use of Officials in G.A.A."; "How do we plan good social events?"

Dr. H. Kezman, a noted authority in the field of Physical Education, spoke to the advisers of the different schools in the teacher's lounge.

After the lectures lunch was served in the cafeteria and the guests were entertained by the modern dance group doing several negro spirituals.

## Better Not Laugh—This Could Be You!

As a new feature the Blueprint staff is beginning a series of childhood pictures of campus personalities. We hope you can guess who this picture is. If you can't here is a clue to his identity.



Tall, blond curly hair  
Usually found in a soft plush chair  
Blue eyes, a dimple in his chin  
He isn't fat, he isn't thin  
Who is it?

## Soph Constitution

A new constitution has been adopted by the Sophomore Class. The election was held last week after Patsy Stevens, class secretary, and Bill Freeman, class president, had taken ballots to all English II classes where it was read and discussed.

According to Pat, the constitution, which is based on our school constitution, was written in their freshman year but has now been revised for the sophomores.

## Babbling Books

Miss Fletcher put her pontoons and web feet away in her closet when she found out that the school was going to have the library flood fixed.

"One of the radiant heating pipes," said Miss Lahti, "had an aperture in the side and might have caused some inundation."

\*(translation, the pipes had holes in the sides and might have flooded the joint.)

No one knows how long the library will be closed, but Miss Fletcher misses the babbling throng.

## Campus Drive Nets \$535 for Therapy

\$535.53, that's what was raised in two days for the Therapy Drive. Although the 100 per cent goal of \$659 wasn't hit, we weren't far from it. The student body is congratulated by therapy officers for doing such a fine job.

## Emporium Will Sponsor Regional Art Exhibition for High School Rembrandts

Trying to beat last year's record of five key award winners and fourteen merit winners, Acalanes art students are working to enter the unusual Scholastic Art Awards contest.

All the art students in junior and senior high schools of Northern California will have an opportunity to work for recognition of their talents by participating in this contest, sponsored regionally by The Emporium, San Francisco, in cooperation with Scholastic Magazines. The Emporium will receive the entries for this territory and will present the exhibition of selected entries in the store from February 19 until March 5.

Every pupil participating in this project has an opportunity to win honors for himself and his school in the regional exhibition. After that show, the key-winning pieces will go to Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh, where they will be judged by national juries of artists

and educators for cash awards totaling \$15,000 and 140 tuition scholarships to art schools and colleges. The entries accepted in the national judging will be exhibited in the Fine Arts Galleries of Carnegie Institute May 7 to 31.

Almost every phase of pictorial, graphic, and advertising art is included in the Scholastic Art Awards. Entries may be submitted in oils, water colors, sculpture, and ceramics, crafts, and photography.

Entries must be sent to The Emporium during the week of January 31, and no later than February 5.

## Four Months Down Five More to Go

Another quarter has just come to a close and so has the first half of the school year.

"Everyone is making a wide circle around the teacher, either that or hovering over them like bees after honey." While students are busy with said activities, the teachers are wearing that home-stretch look, and trying to figure out a place to go for their retirement where there will be no one under twenty-one years of age.

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# Acalanes Keeps on Rolling

## Sportrait 'Coke' Excels in Don's Top Sports

This week's sportrait is one of the few three sport students in this year's senior class. He goes by the name of Jerry Coakley. After finishing grammar school at St. Anne's in San Francisco, "Jer" moved to Lafayette.

In his frosh year he participated on the "B" basketball and J.V. baseball teams, both coached by Mr. Brown.

Having some high school sports experience under his belt, Jerry in his sophomore year embarked on his first three sport year. "Jer" started the season off right by making his J.V. football letter. He was also a member of the "A" basketball and varsity baseball until he was asked to leave because of scholastic ineligibility.

Last year was a banner year in sports for Jerry as he won three letters, two varsity and one J.V. The J.V. letter was from football where "Jer" played an outstanding season at end position. His varsity letter represents his time playing guard and forward on the "A" basketball team and shortstop and second base on Matt's baseball team.

Jerry was on this year's football team for the first three games then was forced again to quite because of scholastic troubles. Well, basketball season is here again and our boy is out on the hardwood every day practicing.

While interviewing Jerry, he came forth with some of his opinions on the teams he has played this year.

As for football he thought that school spirit was really good. Said Jerry about the team, "The team was better than the scores indicated. Injuries did hurt us but we still think we can win more games."

We will be pretty well on our way. Since the Dons do not meet Antioch in league play they can't afford to lose very often.

As soon as school lets out in June he plans to join the Marines.

## COP Slaughtered

The Don five started out the new year with a smashing victory rolling over C.O.P. Frosh 52-13.

From the beginning the Dons took the lead and at the end of the first quarter the score was Acalanes 16, C.O.P. Frosh 7.

In the second period the Dons were sparked on by such men as Jones, Freeman, Sheaff and Link whose good shooting brought the score up to Acalanes 26 and the Little Tigers 10.

During the last half, the Dons continued with the hooping, shooting most of their shots under the basket, and at the sound of the buzzer the score was Acalanes 52, C.O.P. Frosh 13.

The top four scoring men were Jones with 14 points, Freeman with 11, Sheaff with 11 and Link with eight points.

## Dons Fare Badly In U.C.L. Tourney

The Acalanes Dons proved that they were not unbeatable the other night in the Mt. Diablo gymnasium when they lost the final game of the evening of the U.C.L. tournament. They lost to Mt. Diablo 33-23. However, the West won 123-120.

The high scorer for the Dons was Red Jones with 10, Tim Freeman with 6, next was big Joe Sheaff with 6, and Bill Link finished out the scoring with 1. The high point man for Diablo was Sid Smith who put up 14 points, Jim Brooks also looked very good with 10 important points, mostly on lay ins against our one-three-one.

Results of the other games were as follows: Pleasant Hill tied Las Lamos, Liberty and John Swett tied, Livermore clobbered San Ramon, next Albany slaughtered Antioch and Pittsburg tied an improved Alhambra squad.

Some of the stars of the tourney were: Lundquist, Las Lomas; McMillen, P.H.; Ferrario, Livermore; Hanson and Larson, Albany; Garvin, Antioch; Weekley and Harper, Pittsburg, and Tourville and Newman, Alhambra.

## Alhambra Beaten By Fired Up Dons

Sparked by Tim Freeman, the Acalanes Dons defeated the Alhambra Bulldogs last December 7 by a score of 51-36 on the Lafayette floor.

From the opening buzzer the Dons controlled the ball the better part of the time. The Bulldogs with the outstanding play of Gary Newman, did succeed in giving the Blue and White a good run for their money. Centers Joe Sheaff and

High point man for the day was Tim Freeman, followed by Red Jones. The half-time score favored the Dons 20-11.

Here's how the points were distributed:

Freeman	19
Jones	15
Sheaff	6
Coakley	4
Baldwin	2
Ashe	2
Knobel	2
Hannan	1

The high point men for the Alhambra Bulldogs were Rose with 12 points and Newman with 11 points.

## A's Clean Up on Livermore Five

Unstoppable was what people were saying in the Livermore High School gymnasium last Tuesday afternoon. The reason they were saying this is because the Acalanes basketball team was in the process of slaughtering the Livermore Cowboys 66 to 38, a 28 point difference.

Red Jones opened up the scoring with three quick lay ins and the Dons looked like they would run away from the start. Before the game progressed much farther, however, the Cowboys had pulled even and then gone ahead 9 to 8 and when the first quarter ended the Dons were ahead by just a slim lead. The Acalanes five kept this slim lead until the half ended with the score Acalanes 26, Livermore 23.

In the third quarter the Dons came out a new basketball team. They quickly started scoring points with Tim Freeman leading the way. Our boys outscored Livermore 16 points to 5. In the fourth quarter Acalanes really poured it on, scoring many points with Jones, Freeman and Charlie Knobel pouring most of them through.

As the final buzzer sounded, Dave Baldwin hit a 20 foot jump shot from the corner to finish the scoring for the evening. Leading the scorers was Freeman with 19, close behind was Jones with 18, then came Knobel with 8, Coakley with 6, Sheaff with 7, Ashe, Baldwin and Link with 2.

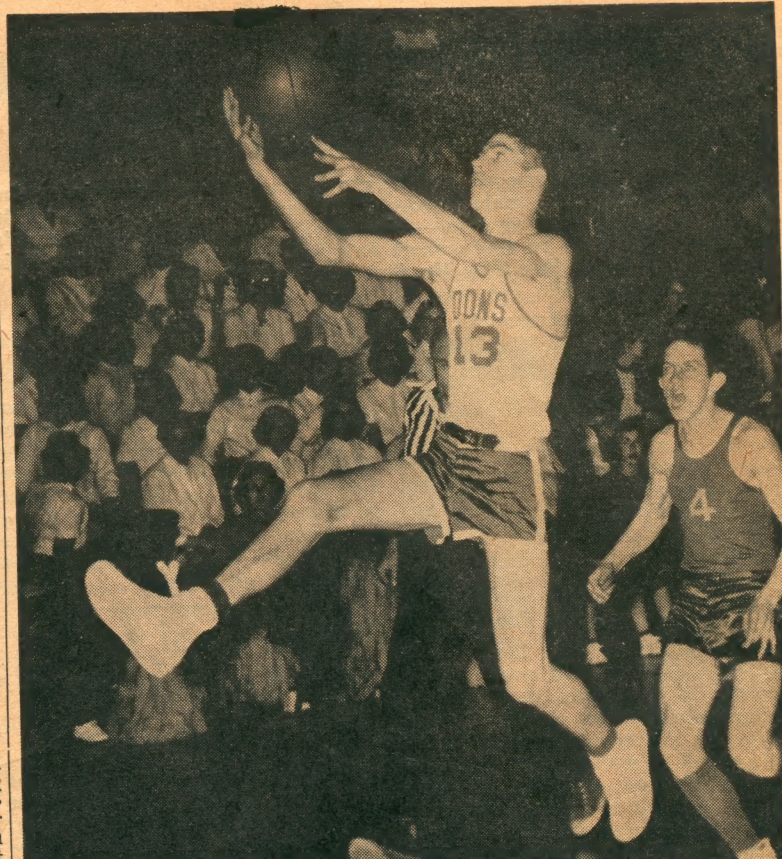
Last week the Acalanes B's rambled to a 32 to 21 victory over the Livermore Buckeroos.

Livermore's Bee's are supposed to cop their league title. The score didn't mean much because we completely outclassed them. Rich Markstein tallied first for us with 30 seconds gone in the first quarter. From then on it was easy going, with every boy on the squad seeing action.

Bill Freeman nabbed top scoring honors with a total of nine. Larry Collins, Rich Markstein and Ronnie Nelson were close behind. The score at halftime was Acalanes 17, Livermore 10. After the opening of feet. During that entire period they netted only two points.

In the fourth period they began hitting again and got 13 points to their credit. The final count totaled 31 to 21. This game proved that our squad has the depth that was lacking last year. The second stringers held The Cowboys to a mere seven points.

They have one game remaining before the regular season starts. This is with Washington of Centerville. January 21 will mark their first league tilt.



"YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY," sings old lucky thirteen Larry Collins to himself as he breaks out fast for another "B" bucket.

## Dig This

## Lincoln, Alhambra, COP Frosh and Livermore—Find Dons Pretty Rough

We've been sitting here about half an hour and we can't think of a way to start this column, so we'll just say that the Don basketball team has had a good record up 'til now. Such notables as Lincoln, Alhambra, C.O.P. Frosh and Livermore have bowed at the hands of the Blue and White.

Several promising players saw action in the C.O.P. Frosh game as the Dons rolled over them 52-13. Mr. Ridley has amassed a fine team this year and the writers of this column are hopeful that at the end of this casaba season the Dons will bring home the meat (by this time).

Our hardest obstacle to overcome will probably be the Diablo Devils as we saw in the U.C.L. tourney at Diablo.

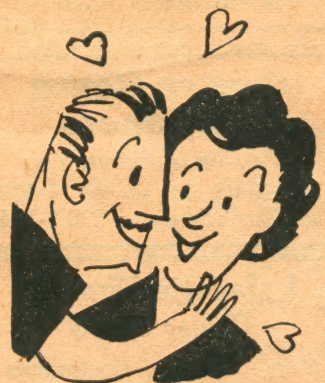
The basketball team still has ten games to play but we feel it is safe to predict that the Varsity will cop at least two-thirds of those remaining.

An interesting bit of news popped up in the Martinez Gazette last week. Darrell Crossman, a graduate of Acalanes and co-holder of the school record for the 100-yard dash with Bob London, placed

third in a track meet in Athens, Greece, with a time of 9.9 for the century. This time is 3 tenths of a second under the time he ran at Acalanes when he tied the school record. I guess this is what the Air Force can do for you. Darrell also holds the school record for the 220 at 22.5 and set both his records in 1951 under the auspices of Coach Charlie Eaton.

Still looking at track, it seems that Mr. Eaton has great hopes of rounding this year's "major" sport team into one of championship dimensions. His hopes lie in part with the results of his new-born Crossman. Practice is due to start some time in February and Mr. Eaton expects to have the biggest team ever.

## WALT & RUSS

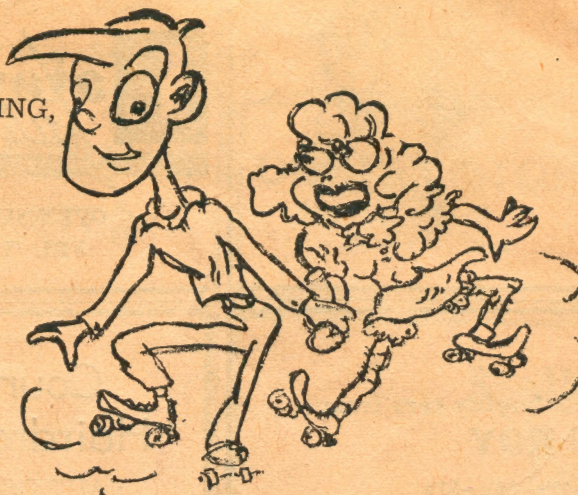


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